

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
October 2, 1923.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, October 2, 1923, and was called to order by President Gilbert at 7:00 P.M. The following Trustees were present: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Stone and Gilbert. Absent: Nash.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 18, 1923, were read and approved as read.

A written communication from P. A. Brunk, Mang'r of the Brunk Comedians, was read by the Clerk--same requesting a permit to conduct a theatrical performance for one week during the month of October or November.

There was some discussion as to the certain clause in the Ordinance covering this--the performance being staged in a tent; but after Attorney Briney ruled that this particular case could be governed by paragraph 10 of Ordinance No. 50, Trustee Proctor moved that the permit be granted. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

As bids for the paving in the Martina-Manuel district had been advertised to be opened at this time, Clerk Bartlett read, publicly, the following:

Grading, per sq. ft.	Four cents	0.04
Asphaltic paving, per sq. ft.	Twenty-one and one-half ¢	.21½
Concrete Curb, per Lin. ft.	Seventy cents	.70
Estimated total bid	\$20, 589.90	
Certified check 10%	2, 500.	
Dated Oct. 2, 1923.		

Signed: H. G. Feraud.

Grading, per sq. ft.	Four cents	0.04
Asphaltic paving, per sq. ft.	Twenty-three cents	.23
Concrete Curb, per Lin. ft.	Seventy-five cents	.75
Estimated total bid	\$22,495.50	
Surety bond	2,500.	

Signed: Hall-Johnson Co.
By W. C. Johnson, Pres.

Trustee Stone moved that the bid of H. G. Feraud for the paving in the Martina-Manuel district be accepted. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Stone and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Nash.

As two gentlemen present were desirous of stating their cases and getting away for other engagements, the floor was given to Ernest Fults, a world-war veteran. Mr. Fults requested a permit to stage a Houdini act in the street for which a collection would be taken after he had been securely chained.

On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Stone, and a majority vote, permission was granted.

Mr. Korman, the second gentleman, was given a hearing. Mr. Korman stated that he owned 18 lots along El Prado facing the park, and that he wanted to build two story houses fronting on this park; that he would start immediately to build these houses if he could get the encouragement sought; that he was not asking anything that would cost the City any money, but it would help him financially, would help the town and would not interfere in any way with the present regime and requested

that the name of the street be changed to Korman Square.

After some discussion of the proposition, Trustee Proctor moved that the matter be taken under advisement and reported on at the next meeting. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The regular order of business was resumed by reading an application from D. E. Raymond for a permit to operate a rent car in the City.

On motion by Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, and a majority vote, the request was granted.

Mrs. Zhradnick stated that the reason 220th Street was not in good shape was because the street had been damaged by the Willite trucks during the rejuvenation of Arlington Avenue, and that if the street were fixed up as the Willite people promised to do, it would not be necessary to spend a great deal of money thereon.

Mr. Clifford, the Willite representative, said the Company was only waiting to see what was going to be done about the paving before starting to repair said street.

Mr. Jessup reminded those present that he had given his recommendations concerning this district again and again as he had stated repeatedly that an inch and a half base with a wearing surface an inch and a half thick would be all these streets needed, except in certain places where the present base was broken.

Trustee Proctor thought that, as it seemed impossible to find out just what the people themselves wanted, it would be a good idea to go ahead and put in what the Board and the City Engineer decided was the right thing to do.

The above question was to be taken up later.

Mr. C. H. Williams, representing an Oil Supply Co., asked permission to complete a 20 X 40 platform on the west side of Cabrillo Avenue, not being aware of the restrictions obtaining in this zone.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the request be refused. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Stone and Gilbert.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustee Nash.

Mr. W. L. Reeve was referred to the Zoning Ordinance on his question as to whether a building might be erected in a certain district. The Ordinance also pointed out the proceedings necessary to the changing of property from one zone to another.

Mr. Vonderahe brought up the question of allowing gas stations and grease racks, etc. in the business district proper. It appeared that a filling station might be erected only in zone III, but as the majority of the Board seemed to think that a filling station was not obnoxious in the business district, Trustee Stone moved that the Ordinance committee revise the Ordinance so as to permit filling stations in zone II. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Proctor, Stone and Gilbert.
 NOES; Trustee Fitzhugh.
 ABSENT; Trustee Nash.

Mr. McDowell stated that he would like to build 25 or 30 bungalows on Block 117, but as this property was in Fire district No. 1, it could not be done. Same was referred to the Ordinance committee for recommendations at the next meeting.

Mr. Tom Bartlett's request that a permit for a pool hall be issued to Mr. Bixley of Long Beach was refused on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, and a majority vote.

The claim of Mr. Vonderahe that the legend on the Zoning map was somewhat misleading was discussed and the conclusion arrived at that a change might be made whenever more printing was done.

Trustee Stone reported that the "slow" signs which had been painted on the surface of some of the streets were not adhering very well. President Gilbert assured Mr. Stone that the last job of painting was very satisfactory.

The matter of the Gas Co's. ditch on 220th not being filled up sufficiently, as reported by Trustee Proctor, was referred to the Engineer as it was thought better to have the City force repair the same.

And as to a sign near the corner of Carson and Arlington being too close to the street, same was referred to the Chief of Police with instructions to see that all signs in the City were set back the required distance.

A supplementary report by Trustee Stone consisted of a complaint against the numerous mosquitos that were pestering the inhabitants at the present time. The Clerk was instructed to get in touch with the new Health Officer and see if something could not be done to quell the nuisance.

Trustee Proctor's second report concerned the very bad condition of the streets in the oil district; that something would have to be done right away to put these streets in shape, stating that, in some places, red gravel was being used in a very satisfactory manner, and that he wanted to go over the district with Mr. Jessup.

The City Engineer reported that he had been in communication with the P. E. Co. for the last two or three months regarding the condition of Cabrillo Avenue as to dust, Crossings and general inadequate condition.

Also reported that the painting of the street names on the curbs was progressing satisfactorily.

Attorney Briney reported that the people of Perry and the Chamber of Commerce were anxious to get the road on the west boundary of the City opened up for traffic--that portion north of Redondo Boulevard to the City limits, stating that now was a good time to ask for the dedication of this street so as to get a right of way for a crossing over the Santa Fe, and not have to institute condemnation proceedings.

Trustee Proctor moved that the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Dominguez Land Co. looking toward the dedication of Madronna Avenue. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney also reported that the court had sustained the City's complaint of intervention on the Sewer farm and had allowed the defendants 10 days in which to answer the complaint, so that the City would get to go to trial at least.

The City Recorder reported fines to the amount of \$880. for the month of September.

The City Clerk reported the issuance of Building permits amounting to \$131,400. for the month of September, \$40,000. of which was for oil derricks. September 1922 \$33,000.

President Gilbert reported that a delegation of representative citizens had met a representative of the P. E. Ry., and had gone over Cabrillo Avenue with him, and that the gentleman had promised to recommend to Mr. Pontius a 60 foot crossing on Sartori and a 45 foot crossing on Susana, and curb the street on both sides; that he also would recommend that the space in between the curbs-including the track-

be graded and filled in with crushed rock and oil; that sooner or later a double track would be put in as business was increasing so rapidly and they would make this their through line to San Pedro, so they did not care to pave the street on this account.

As no protests against the awarding of the contract for the paving of the 222d-Plaza del Amo district had been filed by the property owners and as Mrs. Price, spokeswoman for that district, intimated that they would rather pay the difference in price between that guaranteed by the National representative and the price quoted in the lowest bid than to postpone the proceedings, President Gilbert asked those present if there were any objections to awarding the contract?

No objections were forthcoming.

A five minute recess was declared, after which Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 144

A RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT TO BRANN, BRYANT AND AUSTIN

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution No. 144 be adopted as read and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Stone and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Nash.

Trustee Fitzhugh introduced Ordinances Nos. 72 and 73.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 71

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 50

Trustee Stone moved that Ordinance No. 71 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Stone and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Nash.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Chief Of Police be instructed to notify all pool hall operators that card games must be stopped under penalty of losing their permits to operate. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

After a discussion of the printing question and after having been recommended so to do by Attorney Briney, Trustee Stone moved that the contract for the City printing for the fiscal year be awarded to the Torrance Herald. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Stone and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Nash.

Trustee Stone moved that the Ordinance committee revise the present Ordinance so that merchants might store enough coal oil to supply the trade. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Huntington stated that, in regard to the petition on Andreo-Gramercy, he had spoken to the Engineer about the proceedings and had made arrangements to bid on the same, and that if they were fortunate enough to get the job, they would take care of those streets during the rainy season; that if the Board

would consider it, they would do all they could to preserve those streets.

Trustee Proctor moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Stone and Gilbert.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustee Nash.

At 11:10 P.M. Trustee Proctor moved to adjourn. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Albert H. Bantick
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Gilbert
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.